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Indonesia*: draft resolution

The Commission on the Status of Women recommends the following resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council:

Palestinian women

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women,[1]

Recalling the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,[2] in particular paragraph 260 concerning Palestinian women and children,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] E/CN.6/1998/2/Add.2.

[2] Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

and the Beijing Platform for Action[3] adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Also recalling its resolution 1997/16 of 21 July 1997 and other relevant United Nations resolutions,

Further recalling the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women[4] as it concerns the protection of civilian populations,

Concerned about the stalemate facing the Middle East peace process, including the lack of implementation of the agreements reached in Washington D.C., between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel and the deterioration of the socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian people as a result of the Israeli positions and measures,

Concerned about the continuing difficult situation of Palestinian women in the Occupied Palestine Territory, including Jerusalem, and about the severe consequences of continuous illegal Israeli settlements activities, as well as the harsh economic conditions and other consequences for the situation of Palestinian women and their families, resulting from the frequent closures and isolation of the Occupied Territory,

1. Stresses its support for the Middle East peace process and the need for speedy and full implementation of the agreements already reached between the parties;

2. Reaffirms that the Israeli occupation remains a major obstacle for Palestinian women with regard to their advancement, self-reliance and integration in the development planning of their society;

3. Demands that Israel, the occupying Power, comply fully with the provisions and principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[5] the Regulations annexed to The Hague Convention of 1907[6] and the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949[7] in order to protect the rights of Palestinian women and their families;

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[3] Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[4] General Assembly resolution 48/104.

[5] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

[6] See Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

[7] United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

4. Calls upon Israel to facilitate the return of all refugees and displaced Palestinian women and children to their homes and properties in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in compliance with relevant United Nations resolutions;

5. Urges Member States, financial organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and other relevant institutions to intensify their efforts to provide financial and technical assistance to Palestinian women for the creation of projects responding to their needs, especially during the transitional period;

6. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to monitor and take action with regard to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,[1] in particular paragraph 260 concerning Palestinian women and children, and the Beijing Platform for Action;[2]

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to review the situation and to assist Palestinian women by all available means, and to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-third session a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.